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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
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APPLICATION NO. 10/016,627

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FOR: INVERSE LABELING METHOD FOR THE RAPID IDENTIFICATION  
OF MARKER/TARGET PROTEINS

**Attention: Box Missing Parts**  
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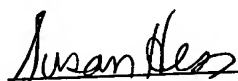
The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated January 25, 2002 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 25, 2002.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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